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Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 02100-0082.00

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Timothy M. JOHNS et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3611  
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Application No.: 10/781,629 ) Examiner: Yeagley, Daniel S.  
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Filed: February 20, 2004 )  
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For: LIFTING SYSTEMS AN ) Confirmation No.: 4131  
METHODS FOR USE WITH A )  
HITCH MECHANISM )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants petition for a three-month extension of time to reply to the Office  
action of March 21, 2007. A fee of \$1,020.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge  
any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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